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DEPARTMENT PASS TO SECRETARY FROM MURPHY

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SUBJECT: LEBANESE PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS

REF: STATE 104087 (BEIRUT 3827)

1. APRIL 30 MORNING NEWS REPORTS THAT PLA FORCES UNDER SYRIAN SUPERVISION HAVE ENTERED BEIRUT AREA INDICATE SYRIA IS PRESSING TO ASSURE THAT MAY 1 PARLIAMENT MEETING TAKES PLACE AS SCHEDULED. OUR INTERVENTION TO SUGGEST POSTPONEMENT ON GROUNDS OF SAVING JUMBLATT'S FACE WOULD BE STRONGLY RESENTED HERE AND WOULD PLACE US IN SYRIAN EYES SQUARELY IN THE MIDDLE OF LEBANESE ELECTION PROCESS. FOR THESE REASONS, PLUS FACT (PARA 4 REFTEL) THAT SARKIS HIMSELF INTENDS INFORM DAMASCUS OF HIS CONVERSATION WITH JUMBLATT, I BELIEVE WE SHOULD STAY OUT OF THIS PARTICULAR EXCHANGE.

2. SUGGEST DEPARTMENT PASS AMMAN, BEIRUT, CAIRO AND TEL AVIV.  
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